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TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: SECOBARBITOL SEIZURES

REF: MEXICO 4479

1. WE HAVE NOTICED TRIZO REPORTS OF SEIZURE 15.5 MILLION UNITS OF SECOBARBITOL AND ONE LAB. WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS CONSIDERED VERY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT. DEA'S SAN DIEGO OFFICE IS PREPARING REPORT OF SECOBARBITOL SEIZURE IN MEXICO. WE UNDERSTAND NO SECOBARBITOL INGREDIENTS EXPORTED LICITLY FROM THE U.S. TO MEXICO, BUT SOURCES FOR LICIT SUPPLY COULD BE FOUND IN EUROPE. THIS MIGHT BE SOURCE FOR DIVERSION TO ILLICIT PRODUCTION IN MEXICO. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ILLICIT PRODUCERS COULD THEMSELVES PRODUCE SECOBARBITOL BECAUSE OF SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL REQUIRED. SUCH PRODUCTION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT ILLEGALLY. FOR THIS REASON WE TEND  
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TO SUSPECT DIVERSION.

2. BARBITUATES ARE SERIOUS DRUG OF ABUSE IN U.S., SECOND  
IN SOCIAL COST ONLY TO HEROIN. THEIR CONTROL HAS VERY  
HIGH PRIORITY IN THE NARCOTICS EFFORT. FOR THIS REASON  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS  
SECOBARBITOL SEIZURE. SHOULD WE BEGIN TO LOOK AGAIN ON  
MEXICO AS A CENTER FOR ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN THESE DRUGS?  
IF SO ARE ANY NEW STEPS REQUIRED IN MEXICO OR BY US IN THE  
U.S. TO DEAL WITH IT? KISSINGER

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